

CERT ALL MEMBER WEEKLY BRIEF SEPTEMBER 2, 2009

CERT is what you make it!

The weekly CERT Brief is available on our webpage at:

<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OEM/CC/CERT/brief.html>

If you have any suggestions including training or comments on how to make CERT better, please send an email to oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov. Or call us at 573-0648 and leave a message.

All responses are kept strictly confidential unless otherwise expressed.

A MESSAGE FROM BOB

On behalf of County Executive Tom Suozzi and Commissioner James J Callahan III thank you for your dedication and commitment to CERT and Citizen Preparedness.

The Planning Section has been very busy developing new strategies and in order for us to keep providing the best and most for our members we need YOU to take part in the process! We have developed a survey to help us understand what YOU want so we can tailor our program in the best way! Please go to the link, download the word document, fill in the blanks, (most are 1-5, 1 being least interested or worst, and 5 being most interested or best) save it, email it back to oemcert, or fax it back (see information below). Please help us provide the best for you! Fill out the survey now! The survey will close on October 14, 2009.



The survey is posted at: <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OEM/CC/CERT/certforms.html>

Nassau County CERT members are encouraged to complete the following survey and submit via email to oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov or FAX to 516-573-0673. Your information will be used to refine our program and help us deliver what you are interested in!

I look forward to seeing you a week from Sunday (September 13, 2009) at our annual National Preparedness Month Exercise! This year we have invited the surrounding CERT programs for a multi jurisdictional exercise! We have CERT members from Suffolk, New York City, Westchester and possibly Yonkers coming!

This exercise will be a great way to show how well CERTs works with other CERTs and how the National CERT Program provides a platform for all CERTs to assimilate into operating teams even though they did not train together!



We also have the following Agencies Participating in the exercise:

- Nassau and possibly Westchester Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
- American Red Cross, Nassau - Shelter Management

- American Red Cross and ARES - communications support
- Syosset Fire Department Emergency Medical Services

In addition, Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), Nassau, Suffolk, and Greater NY Red Cross Chapters, and the 1st and 6th Fire Battalions, will be conducting a coordinated communications exercise including voice and data radio transmissions, in parallel with our Exercise.

Nassau CERT is planning for the Flu Season!

Every CERT member should be preparing themselves, their family, neighbor to neighbor, friend to friend!

Some things to think about and speak to your friends and neighbors about:

- ⌚ Get your seasonal flu vaccine! (All ages!!)
- ⌚ The importance of washing hands or using hand sanitizers when washing hands is not possible,
- ⌚ Coughing or sneezing into your sleeve,
- ⌚ Cleaning surfaces (phones, desks, etc) frequently,
- ⌚ Staying home from work or school, when sick,
- ⌚ Stocking up on over the counter analgesics, juices and water

(Source CDC)

Latest FEMA Flood Maps

FEMA is now in the process of updating the flood maps for Nassau County. To assist you in researching if you are located in a flood zone area or, because the recent Flood Insurance Study you will be located in a flood zone, click on the links below and follow the directions:

CURRENT FEMA MAP:

<http://msc.fema.gov/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/FemaWelcomeView?storeId=10001&catalogId=10001&langId=-1>

PROPOSED FEMA MAP: <http://www.nassaunyfloodmap.com>

(These maps are a FEMA product)

TRAINING

Nassau County CERT September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2 Basic 4*** Class I 6:30-10:00pm Farmingdale CE Division (Ken G) Refresher 6:30-10:30pm	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9 Basic 4*** Class II 6:30-10:00pm Farmingdale	10 POD Task Force Training 7:00-8:00 PM TBD	11	12

13 CERT DRILL Grandparents Day	14 EOC Basic (E-914) 7:00-9:00pm EOC	15 Planning Meeting 7:00-9:00pm	16 ICS200 (I-0916) 7:00-10:00pm EOC Basic 4*** Class III 6:30-10:00pm Farmingdale	17 ICS200 (I-0916) 7:00-10:00pm EOC	18	19 Rosh Hashanah
20	21	22 General Staff Meeting 7:00-9:00pm Autumn begins	23 ICS200 (I-0923) 2:00-5:00pm EOC Basic 4*** Class IV 6:30-10:00pm Farmingdale	24 ICS200 (I-0923) 2:00-5:00pm EOC	25	26
27	28 Yom Kippur	29 Health POD Management 7:00 – 9:00 pm Hicksville*** (PODM-0929)	30 Basic 4*** Class V 6:30-10:00pm Farmingdale Health POD Management 7:00 – 9:00 pm Hicksville (PODM-0929)			

***Hicksville Community Center, 28 West Carl St. Hicksville, NY

In service training is open to all active CERT members on a first come first served basis.

ICS training is open to other groups, agencies, friends, colleagues, businesses, etc., who may have a need to operate in a disaster or emergency. OEM is inviting all with a need for this information to join the training! (Some restrictions apply!) Please forward this announcement for ICS to any school, business or agency that would benefit from the training. **Don't forget that for EVERY CERT Training and activation YOU NEED to be prepared! Bring your CERT Gear! Have appropriate clothing and footwear on! Have your CERT uniform! Be prepared!**

Refresher Class* This class is FULL

9/2, 2009 Central East Hicksville Community Center, 28 West Carl St. Hicksville, NY
Contact: Linda W at 54walker@optonline.net to sign up.

All classes are 6:30 to 10:30 PM All Classes are OPEN TO ALL CERT MEMBERS

POD CERT Task Force Training

September 10, 2009, Thursday 7:00 to 8:00 PM

LOCATION UPDATE

Freeport Fire House 15 Broadway, Freeport NY 11552

This class will prepare you to volunteer in a Medical Point of Distribution (POD). This **1 hour mandatory training will enable you to function effectively in a REAL POD activation.** Please sign up for **one of these locations!** The CERT POD Task Force will be assigned many of the important roles within a POD assisting medical staff from MRC and DOH. You will be trained to assume a variety of roles within the Incident Command Structure (ICS) of a POD. Additionally members will be recruited from the attendees for additional training to fulfill POD management positions.

7th Annual International Emergency Preparedness Symposium

9/10, 2009 Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Goldman Sachs Training Center at 32 Old Slip in Lower Manhattan

New York Downtown Hospital is pleased to announce that the 7th Annual International Emergency Preparedness Symposium will focus on Influenza Pandemic. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, "Staying safe relies on good planning and preparation." Featured speakers will discuss and review the medical, governmental, corporate and social responses to an Influenza Pandemic and the actions planned to protect the public. Each year, the Hospital brings together emergency preparedness specialists from all over the world to share their expertise with health care professionals, emergency response personnel, and community leaders. Space is limited, therefore early registration is encouraged. **To register, please send your name and title, institution, address, daytime phone number, and email address to Symposium@DowntownHospital.org.** Once your request is received, you will receive an email confirmation within ten days if space is available. This Symposium is offered at no charge through the generous support of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Basic Training (Course: E-0914)

Additional Date

9/14, 2009 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (2 hours) Monday Night

Nassau County OEM 100 Carman Av. East Meadow, NY 11554

This class will introduce CERT members to the policies, procedures and general activities that occur during EOC activation. Class is limited to 20 students, first come first served. You will be notified of acceptance one week before the class date by email. CERT members are **REQUIRED** to have taken this course in order to work in the EOC. Prerequisite: All applicants must have completed ICS-100 prior to attending this course. If you did not FAX or email your ICS-100 Certificate to the CERT desk FAX: 573-0673 **Register oemcert@nassaucountynv.gov subject line "E-0914"**

ICS-200 Incident Command System, I-200 (class# I-0916)

9/16 & 17, 2009 Wednesday/ Thursday 6 hours (must attend BOTH classes)

7:00 Pm to 10:00 PM

Nassau County OEM 100 Carman Av. East Meadow, NY 11554

THIS IS THE SECOND OF THE ICS SERIES OF COURSES! EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE! Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents ICS 200 is designed to enable personnel to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the Incident Command System (ICS). ICS-200 provides training on and resources for **personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within the ICS**. Class is limited to 20 students, first come first served. You will be notified of acceptance one week before the class date by email. This is an interactive instructor driven course recommended for all. Even if you have previously completed ICS-200 online, this course will provide you with experience and hands on knowledge. You must have taken ICS-100 prior to attending this course. **Register oemcert@nassaucountynv.gov subject "ICS Training class-I-0916"**

ICS-200 Incident Command System, I-200 (class# I-0923)

September 23 & 24, 2009 Wednesday/ Thursday 6 hours (must attend BOTH classes)

2:00 - 5:00 PM (daytime)

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NEW Health POD Management Course

September 29 & 30 7:00 – 9:00 pm (this is a 4 hour course)

Hicksville Community Center, 28 West Carl St. Hicksville, NY

Sign up by email to uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov with “PODM-0929” in subject.

This class will prepare you to manage a Medical Point of Distribution (POD). This **4 hour mandatory training will enable you to effectively manage and supervise over all aspects of a POD.** You must satisfactorily complete this training as well as a leadership evaluation. **Not all participants will become CERT POD Managers. If you feel you are POD Leadership material please sign up for this course!**

ACTIVATIONS AND EXERCISES

****SIGN UP NOW OR WE WILL BE FORCED TO CANCEL DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST****

FULL SCALE Training EXERCISE

September 13, 2009, Sunday 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

15 Miller Place, Syosset, NY 11791, Town of Oyster Bay DPW Yards in Syosset

(North side of Long Island Expressway between South Oyster Bay Road and Robins Lane)

UPDATE:

- **AUTHORIZED DRESS:**
 - CERT hardhat
 - CERT reflective vest
 - CERT Green or White shirt*
 - Long pants suitable for working in the field (jeans, BDU's, cargo pants, etc.)
 - Closed-toe protective shoes or work boots (sneakers are discouraged)
 - Poncho or rain gear
 - Absence of CERT shirt will not automatically eliminate anyone *outright*. Judgment should be used and overall preparedness considered.
- **Minimum Equipment:**
 - Goggles
 - Flashlight
 - Work gloves
 - Latex or non-latex protective gloves
 - GMRS/FRS 2-way radio if they own them, with spare batteries.
- **ABSOLUTELY NOT PERMITTED:**
 - Open-toe shoes, sandals or flip-flops
 - Shorts or skirts
 - Guns (regardless of having a “carry permit”) or Knives
 - Bats, clubs, batons or asps
 - Mace or pepper spray

Activation to assist First Responders with Transit Terrorist Tools and Tactics

9/17, 2009 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM at Fire Academy

Nassau Fire Academy 300 Winding Rd Old Bethpage, Long Island, NY 11803

To register uemcert@nassaucountyny.gov Include “CERT 4T-0917” in subject.

CW Post Campus Public Safety Exercise

10/17, 2009 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

CW Post 720 Northern Blvd. Brookville, New York 11548

CW Post and Roslyn Rescue will be holding their annual exercise on Saturday Oct 17th this year. The exercise this year will be a medical POD for an influenza outbreak, it will require a large CERT and MRC presence to both work at the POD and as patient actors. Details on the exercise will be formalized in July when we have our first planning meeting. This exercise will only involve CW Post Public Safety, EMS, Glen Cove Hosp, CERT, and MRC, there will be no fire or police involved in this exercise. Students are being recruited as patient actors with CERT to backfill as needed. Register by emailing oemcert@nassaucountyny.gov and use the subject “CWP Exercise 1017”

OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION

FEMA RESEARCH PROVIDES NEW INSIGHTS ON PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS

Survey Findings Provide Direction for Communication and Public Education Efforts

During the 2009 National Conference on Community Preparedness, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released a new report *Personal Preparedness in America: Findings from the 2009 Citizen Corps National Survey* that offers comprehensive data on the public’s thoughts, perceptions, and behaviors related to preparedness and community safety for multiple types of hazards. Findings from these surveys provide valuable insights for increasing personal preparedness, civic engagement, and community resilience. These findings are particularly relevant as we prepare for a possible pandemic flu outbreak, hurricane season, and other hazards.

To read the survey reports, go to <http://www.citizencorps.gov/ready/2009findings.shtm>

BASIC CLASSES:

Please check the website training page for the updated CERT Calendar:

<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/OEM/CC/CERT/training.html>

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE CALENDAR IF YOU ARE AN INSTRUCTOR! We have updated the 2009 calendar and need you to volunteer for your segment!

Help out or just attend at CERT Basic Class and renew your interest as well!

If you can assist our program- even if you haven’t done anything like this before, come on out and help us make the program the best in the country! Helping is fun and exciting! AND you even get to practice what you learned in training!

South Farmingdale Basic Class

September 2009 Class Schedule and Location

Updated 08/18/2009

Class Times	Doors open at 6:30pm, class starts promptly at 7:00pm and ends at 10:00pm
Class Location	819 south main St, South Farmingdale, NY, 11735 cross Crestwood blvd.
Refreshments	Water will be supplied for classes 1 through 8.
Course Listing	Course Incident Commander (IC) Kathy Cowden Classes are run using ICS and an IC needs to attend every class. You may have a Deputy who can split the classes with you. The IC is responsible for directing the class and for ALL ASPECTS OF COURSE administrative paperwork and equipment. The IC must get each class attendance to OEM (in person or via email) within two days of each class. This position can be

shared by two members.

Class Details **WEDNESDAYS**

Class 1	September 2	What is CERT?, Intro to ICS and CERT Organization,
Class 2	September 9	Disaster Medical Operations I
Class 3	September 16	Light Search and Rescue
Class 4	September 23	Disaster Psychology and Terrorism
Class 5	September 30	Fire Suppression and Part I Table Top Exercise
Class 6	October 7	Sheltering Operations Part II Table top Exercise
Class 7	October 14	Disaster Medical Operations II
Class 8	October 21	Radio Operations, Community Outreach and Graduation

Class 1, 9/2/2009: What is CERT? Intro to ICS and CERT Organization,

Bob B What Is CERT

Debbie B Organization

Class 2, 9/9/2009: Medical I

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with practical

_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant

Class 3, 9/16/2009: Light Search and Rescue

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with practical

_____ Volunteer Assistant

Class 4, 9/23/2009: Terrorism and Disaster Psychology

Volunteers will teach this class

_____ Volunteer Instructor – Terrorism

_____ Volunteer Instructor – Disaster Psychology and Disabled Persons

Class 5, 9/30/2009: Fire Suppression and Part I Table Top Exercise

2 VEEB instructors will teach the firefighting part of this class and

Volunteers will concurrently teach the exercise part of this class

Volunteers will conduct table top and send one team out at a time for fire suppression as directed by VEEB

_____ Volunteer Instructor Table Top

_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant Table Top

Class 6, 10/7/2009: Shelter Introduction and Part II Table Top Exercise

Volunteers will teach this class

_____ Volunteer Instructor- Sheltering and Organization

_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant

Class 7, 10/14/2009: Disaster Medical Operations II

2 VEEB instructors will teach this class

Volunteers will assist with hands on exercise

_____ Volunteer Instructor Assistant

**Class 8, 10/21/2009: Outreach and Education, Radio Operation,
Graduation, and Meet the TULs.**

Bob B Graduation

Debbie B Outreach and Education

Rob Yenis Volunteer Instructor Radio
Local Area TULs, DTULs and Other VIP's